

Barcelona

Reflections and memories



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Introduction

I have been involved in a Comenius Regio project between Birmingham and Barcelona for the last two years and, as the project comes to an end, here a few reflections on the experience.

Who was involved?

Participating organisations

- Birmingham LA
- Consorçí de Barcelona
- Newman College
- Universitat de Barcelona
- CEIP Els Pins
- CEIP Barrufet
- CEIP Vila Olímpica
- Whitehouse Common Primary
- Dorrington Primary



Camp Nou

One of the themes that went throughout the project in the minds of the pupils was football! And one of the highlights of visiting Barcelona for me was a trip to Camp Nou.

"Més que un club" is the motto of FC Barcelona and the stadium experience demonstrated why. It was well worth the entrance fee to see the trophies, memorabilia, interactive displays, videos and information as well as stand a foot from the famous pitch and the seat in which Pep sits, and to touch the same rail that the players touch on the way onto the pitch.



Trophies

So many of them - and not just for football!

The pitch

Not allowed to stand on it but wow! The stadium is huge! And the pitch looked very good!



The Champions League cup

Yes - I held it!

Els Pins

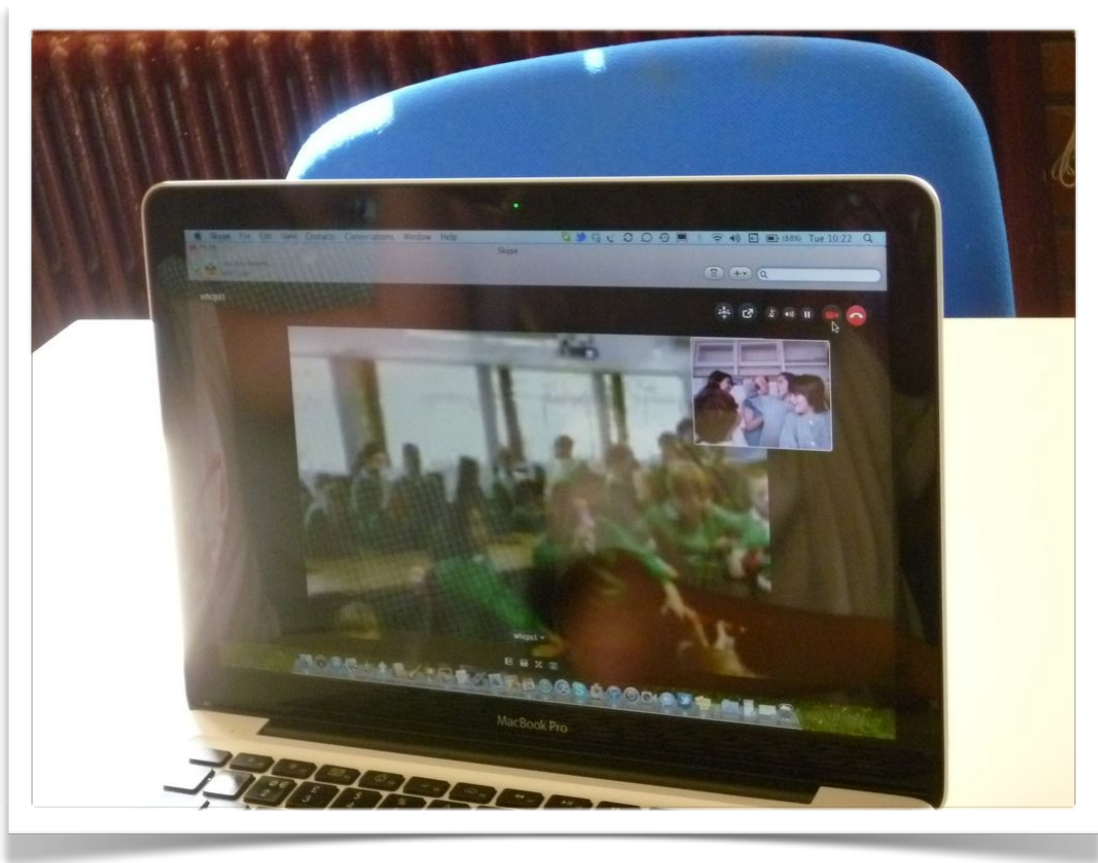
Our partner school feels like my school now. So many great memories!



skyping

The thing that really brought the project to life for the children was when they first Skyped with Spain. The wonders to technology gave both sets of pupils a live audience and as the calls progressed you





could see pupils becoming more comfortable with each other.

Impromptu Skyping by year 6!



Nursery ask questions about Barcelona via Skype

Being Catalan

One of the biggest impressions that Barcelona made on me was the sense of identity that people expressed in their very being. Hearing pupils sing el Himne de Barça, watching older folk dancing Sardanas in the square outside the Sagrada Família, the speaking of Catalan, joining in practice with the castellers - all spoke to me of a nation within a nation whose identity cannot be squashed or denied.

